DATE: DECEMBER 28, 2001

IRREVOCABLE STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT NUMBER: 7182562

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PLEASE BE INFORMED THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE ABOVE LETTER OF CREDIT NO. 7182562 WE HAVE ELECTED NOT TO RENEW THE CREDIT, AND CONSEQUENTLY, THE CREDIT WILL ULTIMATELY EXPIRE ON JANUARY 31, 2002.

IF YOU REQUIRE ANY ASSISTANCE OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS NOTIFICATION, PLEASE CALL 312-828-2733.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

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